

Special Session Proposal

Creative regions

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Abstract

There is not one agreed-upon definition of what creative regions are. While the literature does not explicitly address the question "What are creative regions?", it suggests that creative regions are areas that are conducive to creativity and the development of the creative industries, have certain attractive qualities that draw in creative people, and are able to create new ideas. Creative regions may also possess large proportions of educated people, of businesses in high-tech industries, and a diverse population. Creative regions are important for development and well-being, and for solving economic, social, and environmental problems. Culture and lively cultural life, rich historical legacy, technology, diversity, and quality of the natural environment are all important for the success of creative economies.

More research is needed in order to develop a better understanding of what creative regions are and what effects they have on human development and well-being. This special session welcomes contributions that measure creativity in different regions, countries and areas of the world, its effects on development and well-being, the measurement of creativity and intellectual property in creative regions, the effects of artificial intelligence in creativity and culture, the relationship of creative regions with the green economy and the environment, the relationship with rural and urban development, gender, policies for creative regions and, of course, the dark side of creative regions.